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SUBJ: INITIAL GERMAN REACTION TO GISCARD'S CALL FOR
BUILDING EUROPE

1. AS EXPECTED, THE OFFICIAL GERMAN REACTION TO FRENCH
PRESIDENT GISCARD'S CALL FOR BUILDING EUROPE WAS
POSITIVE. THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN WELCOMED THE
INITIATIVE WHILE THE FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE
PROPOSAL WAS VIEWED "WITH GREAT INTEREST." FOREIGN
MINISTER GENSCHER MET WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR WORMSER TO
INDICATE TO HIM PERSONALLY THAT THE FRENCH COULD COUNT
ON GERMAN SUPPORT.

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2. THE PROSPECT OF AN EC SUMMIT IN THE LATE FALL IS

ACCEPTABLE TO THE GERMANS. DURING THEIR PRESIDENCY OF THE EC, THEY WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO CALL FOR A SUMMIT SINCE THE POLITICAL SCENE WAS NOT RIPE FOR ONE. THE GERMANS FIRMLY BELIEVE THE NEXT EC SUMMIT WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL PREPARATION AHEAD OF TIME TO THAT CONCRETE RESULTS ENSUE TO AVOID THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF ANOTHER COPENHAGEN.

3. THE FRG REACTION TO THE SPEECH, WHILE SOMEWHAT MUTED AND LOW KEY, WAS REALLY ALL THAT COULD BE EXPECTED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. THE INITIATIVE DID COME AS A SURPRISE TO BONN AT THIS TIME. A FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID THE FRG IS LOOKING FORWARD TO LEARNING ABOUT THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS THE FRENCH PLAN TO PRESENT. WHEN THE PROPOSALS ARE TABLED, THE FRENCH CAN AT LEAST BE ASSURED THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE A FULL AND SYMPATHETIC EXAMINATION BY THE GERMANS WHO STILL ENVINCE A SINCERE DESIRE TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION. THE EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE FOLLOW-UP REPORTING AS MORE SUBSTANTIVE REACTIONS TO THE FRENCH PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE DEVELOP.CASH

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